

Why run for UEC

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Fermilab now is at a cross-road. The Tevatron program is going to be finished in a few short years, and the migration to the LHC may bring about its end even sooner. I believe that the Lab can stay relevant during the LHC era, even as the majority of people in the field would focus their attention on what's happening at CERN. I also believe that US HEP can not afford a significantly weakened Lab, so every effort should be made to support the programs like the LHC Physics Center and LHC@FNAL. For university professors like me, who have strict constraints on their travel time, thriving of these entities may be the best chance of staying competitive as the LHC physics comes. In the short term, it also means that we can contribute to the LHC efforts while fulfilling our Tevatron obligations.

The news on immigration issues that recently came out of congress is good. However, as I know too well, having waited for my green card for more than five years (I still don't have it), the system is far from perfect yet. There is still a lot that the lawmakers should know and be pressed about.